

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I object that all Members of the House were not given enough time to speak.

### CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I move a call of the House.

A call of the House was ordered.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 496]

Abercrombie	Cubin	Hefner
Ackerman	Cummings	Herger
Aderholt	Cunningham	Hill
Allen	Danner	Hilleary
Andrews	Davis (FL)	Hilliard
Archer	Davis (IL)	Hinchee
Armey	Davis (VA)	Hinojosa
Bachus	Deal	Hobson
Baesler	DeFazio	Hoekstra
Baker	DeGette	Holden
Baldacci	Delahunt	Hooley
Ballenger	DeLauro	Horn
Barcia	DeLay	Hostettler
Barr	Deutsch	Houghton
Barrett (NE)	Diaz-Balart	Hoyer
Barrett (WI)	Dickey	Hulshof
Bartlett	Dicks	Hunter
Barton	Dingell	Hutchinson
Bass	Dixon	Hyde
Bateman	Doggett	Inglis
Becerra	Doolittle	Istook
Bentsen	Doyle	Jackson (IL)
Bereuter	Dreier	Jackson-Lee
Berry	Duncan	(TX)
Bilbray	Dunn	Jefferson
Bilirakis	Edwards	Jenkins
Bishop	Ehlers	John
Blagojevich	Ehrlich	Johnson (CT)
Bliley	Emerson	Johnson (WI)
Blumenauer	Engel	Johnson, E. B.
Blunt	English	Johnson, Sam
Boehlert	Ensign	Jones
Boehner	Eshoo	Kanjorski
Bonilla	Etheridge	Kaptur
Bonior	Evans	Kasich
Bono	Everett	Kelly
Borski	Ewing	Kennedy (MA)
Boswell	Farr	Kennedy (RI)
Boucher	Fattah	Kennelly
Boyd	Fawell	Kildee
Brady (PA)	Fazio	Kilpatrick
Brady (TX)	Filner	Kim
Brown (CA)	Foley	Kind (WI)
Brown (FL)	Forbes	King (NY)
Brown (OH)	Ford	Kingston
Bryant	Fossella	Klecza
Bunning	Fowler	Klink
Burr	Fox	Klug
Burton	Franks (NJ)	Knollenberg
Buyer	Frelinghuysen	Kolbe
Callahan	Furse	Kucinich
Calvert	Galleghy	LaFalce
Camp	Ganske	LaHood
Campbell	Gejdenson	Lampson
Canady	Gekas	Lantos
Cannon	Gephardt	Largent
Capps	Gibbons	Latham
Cardin	Gilchrest	LaTourette
Carson	Gillmor	Lazio
Castle	Gilman	Leach
Chabot	Gonzalez	Lee
Chambliss	Goode	Levin
Chenoweth	Goodlatte	Lewis (CA)
Christensen	Goodling	Lewis (GA)
Clay	Gordon	Lewis (KY)
Clayton	Goss	Linder
Clement	Graham	Lipinski
Clyburn	Granger	Livingston
Coble	Green	LoBiondo
Coburn	Greenwood	Lofgren
Collins	Gutierrez	Lowey
Combest	Gutknecht	Lucas
Condit	Hall (OH)	Luther
Conyers	Hall (TX)	Maloney (CT)
Cook	Hamilton	Manton
Cooksey	Hansen	Manzullo
Costello	Harman	Markey
Cox	Hastert	Martinez
Coyne	Hastings (FL)	Mascara
Cramer	Hastings (WA)	Matsui
Crane	Hayworth	McCarthy (MO)
Crapo	Hefley	McCarthy (NY)

McCollum	Pitts	Smith, Adam
McCrery	Pombo	Smith, Linda
McDade	Pomeroy	Snowbarger
McDermott	Porter	Snyder
McGovern	Portman	Solomon
McHale	Poshard	Souder
McHugh	Price (NC)	Spence
McIntosh	Quinn	Spratt
McIntyre	Radanovich	Stabenow
McKeon	Rahall	Stark
McKinney	Ramstad	Stearns
McNulty	Rangel	Stenholm
Meehan	Redmond	Stokes
Meek (FL)	Regula	Strickland
Meeks (NY)	Reyes	Stump
Menendez	Riggs	Stupak
Metcalfe	Riley	Sununu
Mica	Rivers	Talent
Millender-	Rodriguez	Tanner
McDonald	Roemer	Tauscher
Miller (CA)	Rogan	Tauzin
Miller (FL)	Rogers	Taylor (MS)
Minge	Rohrabacher	Taylor (NC)
Mink	Ros-Lehtinen	Thomas
Moakley	Rothman	Thompson
Mollohan	Roukema	Thornberry
Moran (KS)	Roybal-Allard	Thune
Moran (VA)	Royce	Thurman
Morella	Rush	Tiahrt
Murtha	Ryun	Torres
Myrick	Sabo	Towns
Neal	Salmon	Trafigant
Nethercutt	Sanchez	Turner
Neumann	Sanders	Upton
Ney	Sandlin	Velazquez
Northup	Sanford	Vento
Norwood	Sawyer	Visclosky
Nussle	Saxton	Walsh
Oberstar	Scarborough	Wamp
Obey	Schaefer, Dan	Waters
Oliver	Schaffer, Bob	Watkins
Ortiz	Scott	Watt (NC)
Owens	Sensenbrenner	Watts (OK)
Oxley	Serrano	Waxman
Packard	Sessions	Weldon (FL)
Pallone	Shadegg	Weldon (PA)
Pappas	Shaw	Weller
Parker	Shays	Wexler
Pascarell	Sherman	Weygand
Pastor	Shimkus	White
Paul	Shuster	Whitfield
Paxon	Sisisky	Wicker
Payne	Skaggs	Wilson
Pease	Skeen	Wolf
Pelosi	Skelton	Woolsey
Peterson (MN)	Slaughter	Wynn
Peterson (PA)	Smith (MI)	Yates
Petri	Smith (NJ)	Young (AK)
Pickering	Smith (OR)	Young (FL)
Pickett	Smith (TX)	

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The SPEAKER. On this rollcall, 423 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

□ 1400

### AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS).

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1½ minutes.

(Mr. CONYERS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, to my Republican friends, sincerely, Gerald Ford has said that we must take the path back to dignity. I want that to weigh on the Members' hearts for this

next hour, because more is at stake than the President's fate.

"Moving with dispatch," Gerald Ford said, "the House Judiciary Committee should be able to conclude a preliminary inquiry into possible grounds for impeachment before the end of the year."

I think that we can do it. Our resolution calls for it. I have talked incessantly in private meetings with the gentleman from Illinois (Chairman HYDE) toward this end, and I hope that all of us will commit ourselves to that goal.

Mr. Speaker, I just want Members to know that in my view, the American people have a deep sense of right and wrong, of fairness and privacy. I believe that the Kenneth W. Starr investigation may have offended those sensibilities. Who are we in the Congress? What is it that we stand for?

Do we want to have prosecutors with unlimited powers, accountable to no one, who will spend a million dollars investigating a person's sex life, is that the precedent we are setting, who then haul them before grand juries, every person that they have known of the opposite sex, every person that they had contact with, and then record and release videos to the public of the grand jury questioning the most private aspects of one's personal life?

Please, I beg the Members not to denigrate this very important process in Article II, Section 4.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. BARNEY FRANK), a senior member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, someone inaccurately, well-intended but inaccurately, said the Democrats were agreeing there should be an inquiry. No, let me define what we say. We accept the fact that the statutorily designated Independent Counsel sent us a referral, and we are obligated to look at it.

But what our resolution says is, let us first look at what he has alleged, and assuming that it is true, decide whether or not those things are impeachable. There is a very real question. If we look at the dismissal of the charge that Richard Nixon did not pay his income tax because it was a personal matter, that would suggest some of these are not impeachable.

If we get to the question of lying, in fact, both the Speaker and I have been reprimanded by this House for lying before official proceedings. That has not kept either of us from continuing to do our duty to our best possible. We will have to look at whether or not these are impeachable issues. But the question is, do we look at those, or do we look at a whole lot of other things.

I think my Republican colleagues fear that there is not enough in those accusations to meet the impeachment standard. That is why they refuse and refuse and refuse to limit it, to get into not just a fishing expedition, but the deep sea fishing expedition of White-water and the other matters.